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Wages revealed

By Beth Nichols
and Bob Reid

The president of the Doon Student Association (DSA) will receive an honorarium of about \$1,155 and the vice-president will receive about \$825 over the next year.

DSA officials have previously refused to reveal the figures, but business manager Phil Olinski confirmed that this year's pay would be about 10 per cent more than it was in 1985-86 — the last year in which detailed budget figures were released.

The 1985-86 budget showed that the DSA president was paid \$1,050 per year and the vice-president was paid \$750. Adding 10 per cent to each figure would mean the president now would earn \$1,155 and the vice-president \$850.

DSA budgets since 1985-86 have not given exact figures indicating how much the DSA president and vice-president are paid. Instead, all administrative salaries and honorariums have been reported as one lump sum. Previously, pay rates for other DSA executive members and salaried employees were reported se-

parately as well.

An earlier poll by Spoke of student councils at other community colleges showed that at all 16 which could be contacted it was council policy to reveal the amount paid to student council members. Five colleges could not be reached for the poll.

Olinski said the DSA decided to discontinue giving a breakdown in salaries and honorariums two or three budgets ago, because revealing salaries and honorariums was creating dissension among DSA staff.

Conestoga College's new vice-president, Tony Karais, and new pub manager, Renata Van Loon, both agreed in interviews that students should be allowed to know the honorariums paid to the elected members of student council.

However, neither of them said they knew exact figures.

"As of yet I still don't know," said Karais, who was elected last month.

Van Loon, who was defeated by Karais in the election for vice-president, said that she was given an approximate figure of what the vice-president

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Solar bares

From left: Tim Bogan and Steve Dunn, second-year electronic engineering and Alex Gray, second-year mechanical engineering, take advantage of last Tuesday's excellent spring weather by soaking-up sunrays between classes. One week earlier, six inches of snow had fallen, providing a stark contrast to the setting enjoyed by these Conestoga sunbathers.

Photo by Bob Reid/Spoke

Conestoga College finance director set for retirement

By Carl Lackenbauer

Jack Williams, director of finance and administrative operations for Conestoga College, will retire July 31 of this year.

As a senior director and secretary-treasurer on the board of governors, he will leave behind responsibilities which include: legal contracts, payroll, purchasing, printing, courier services, bookstores and all major construction and repairs.

Williams, 62, said he accomplished everything he

wanted to when he took on his present position in 1968 at the college.

"In 1967 we started here at Doon campus with 20 portables and one COR building, so from there it is apparent what we have built. Now there is more on stream as we finish the nursing facilities and will soon be building the woodworking centre," he said.

"In that time, I have achieved establishing procedures and functions for most of the administration here in the college and they stand up to anybody else's in the field."

Twenty years of management experience in industry prepared him for the job, Williams said. He came to the college 19 years ago with a science degree from the University of Western Ontario and a CMA (Certified Management Accountant designation.)

"I changed jobs every five years, primarily for the experience. I was with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., Kelvinator of Canada, John A. Lang, which is a leather company, and finally with Dolby Industries-textiles. There are explicit differences between each of these firms,

which in effect became a training ground and one of learning," he said.

Why is he taking early retirement? Williams said his responsibilities were becoming too time consuming, leaving little time for his personal life and he decided it was a time for a change of pace.

He is looking forward to spending time working on hobbies, such as oil and water painting, and using his skills in plumbing, construction and electrical wiring, to stay busy in his new lifestyle.

"I have two grown daughters, both married, and they both have new homes so there is always one thing or another to do."

Williams, whose wife died in March of 1983, said he will be getting married on May 8 of this year to Lorraine Garner, who works in Student Services at Waterloo campus.

"We will be spending our honeymoon on a boat cruise, which will leave from Florida and cross through the Panama Canal and end in San Francisco where we will be spending three days."

During his years at the college, Williams said he has benefited from the experience and has learned a great deal about the government side of operations, which he admitted, "tends to be bureaucratic. But it did provide me with another group of learning skills, which I wouldn't have learned in industry. The years with the college have been wonderful



Jack Williams

and interesting."

Something Williams would still like to see improved inside the college is the general appearance.

"I think one of the things that we're missing is a better aesthetic look in the college itself. We don't have too many things other than just bare operational furniture, rooms and so on. I'd like to see a little bit more."

A replacement for Williams has not yet been chosen. It's a decision the board of governors will have to make, Williams said.

He is the third senior official of the college to retire or announce his retirement in recent months. Aubrey Hagar, director of academic planning who had been with the college since it opened, retired last year. President Kenneth Hunter retires this year as does Williams.

Broken ankle hampers cook's return

By Beth Nichols

Where's Dorothy, is the question being asked by many students around the Doon campus kitchen.

Dorothy Bockelkamp, the popular gal who has served many a hamburger to hungry students, fell on a patch of ice while walking to the bus stop close to her home on Carlyle Place Wednesday, April 1.

"Because of the snow, you couldn't see any ice and down I went. My foot and my ankle were still under me and I heard it crack as I went down," she said in a telephone interview.

Bockelkamp said she managed to hobble home and phone a neighbor who took her to St. Mary's Hospital.

"I was in there by about 7:30 in the morning on Wednesday. The specialist was busy in

surgery and I didn't see him until around 3:30 so I went cruising the halls in my wheelchair," said Bockelkamp.

"I hung around the elevators where the action is. I saw student nurses that I knew (from serving them at the college). It was great. I parked. I could parallel park with that thing like I can with my car," she said laughing.

Bockelkamp is unsure when she'll be returning to work and is planning to see a specialist for further X-rays.

A cast covers her calf and most of her foot. "I've got four toes hanging out," she said.

Bockelkamp extended a heartfelt thank you to the staff of Beaver Foods, the students, the steel workers who are building the nurses addition and anyone else who signed her get well card.



Dorothy Bockelkamp

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OPINION

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Viewpoint

By Salvatore Scarpelli

Marriage is the pits

I sit at home and think about getting married. I never used to do this, with one exception — thinking about an old girlfriend who had blonde hair and a tiny, permanent blue bruise on her nose.

She never knew my intentions, and after we broke up I had this terrible urge to sock her in the nose, thereby turning it all blue.

I've heard all the arguments, such as marriage is the ultimate commitment. I can recall a sex therapist on a talk show speaking about being committed and, realizing what he had said, apologizing for his poor choice of words. His misfortune was, in fact, quite appropriate.

An excellent argument against marriage is divorce. People tell me that it's better to wait awhile before getting married, learn from your mistakes. What doesn't kill you will make you stronger.

Frankly, I can't imagine thinking about marriage because I'm in love with nine or 10 different women at the moment. I have not dared to mention marriage, nor do I plan to. I'm having too much fun.

The women I am in love with keep smiling, one of the qualities which endear them to me. I like being with them all (one at a time, of course), so can you blame me for not wanting to get married?

My parents ask, 'Don't you want to be married?', hoping I will soon settle down and stop jumping from bed to bed. I tell them sure, why not, to satisfy their expectations. But, to me, it doesn't seem necessary.

When wolves decide to take a mate, they don't get married. They simply hang out together and have little wolves. They make no announcements, have no female wolf showers and no one throws them parties with little cakes at the office. They just get together and that's it.

Other wolves know right away when two wolves get together, and keep their distance from another's mates or suffer the consequences. Wolves, unlike people, are smart about marriage.

Get married? Nah, I don't think so. Not while I still hear the call of the wild.



Question of the Week

What improvements would you like to see made to the student lounge?



"I think they should get new furniture, repaint the walls and clean the place."
 Dale Manwell, 1st-year business marketing.



"It needs new couches and more video games."
 Dave Weier, 1st-year electronics engineering technician.



"Well, a little cleaner. Other than that, I think it's all right."
 Mary Anne Roiston, 1st-year accounting.



"It needs an improvement in the interior decorating — for example, painting the walls, changing the carpet and adding new furniture."
 Danny Tuuk, 1st-year mechanical engineering.



"It needs better furniture for one thing, and to be kept cleaner, too. It should be made bigger for next year when the nursing students come."
 Kathy Bauman, 1st-year nursing.



"I don't know — definitely cleaner would be nice, and bigger too."
 Chris Kirijewski, 1st-year nursing.

The Easter Bunny buys the big one

By Bob Reid



What would happen if the Easter Bunny were taken hostage by a terrorist organization? With Easter egg delivery so critical this time of year, now would be the obvious time for such a strike.

As everyone knows, one rabbit is responsible for delivering all the eggs found on Easter morning, so if any group held it captive, parents would be driven crazy by children wanting to know why they hadn't received any Easter eggs. Once this group revealed it had the little buck-toothed bunny

under wraps, it could wield more power than the postal unions before Christmas.

Every newspaper, television station and radio station in North America would give the story round-the-clock coverage.

Barbara Frum, her voice quivering with emotion, would begin *The Journal*, saying, "There is little hope held for the safe return of the Easter Bunny as a left-wing terrorist group, *Freaks Fighting for Freedom Through Furry Friends*, released an extensive list of demands today."

"Has The Easter Rabbit Had It?????" This headline would appear on the front page of *The Sun*, accompanied by heart-wrenching photographs: the

Easter Bunny, ears bent, eyes running, whiskers drooping holding a cracked Easter egg between his front paws.

The sad story would continue: "In a statement issued today from Brier Patch, North America, headquarters for Easter Egg Industries, company officials disclosed that Easter may have to be cancelled this year due to transportation problems linked directly to the recent abduction of the Easter Bunny.

"The rabbit, responsible for delivering all eggs produced at the plant, did not show up for work last Monday morning. Concern for the cotton-tailed carrier, known to his closest friends as Peter, increased when a terrorist group, claiming to know of his whereabouts, surfaced and issued a list of demands.

"Unless these demands are met, they threaten to detain the Easter Bunny so the schedule for this year's egg deliveries cannot be met.

"Officials added that an egg pile-up is already occurring and unless the Easter Bunny is returned immediately, hundreds of egg-plant workers will have to be laid off."

This imagined scenario, which, we hope, never happens, reminds me of a friend in grade school who, when asked by the teacher why we celebrate Easter, replied: "That is when they crucified the Easter Bunny."

I hope he hasn't joined a terrorist group in the many years since then.

Band kept crowd hopping and bopping

By Chris Diesbourg

The last pub of the year, held at Doon campus on April 2, featured Foreign Exchange. Although attendance was down, the crowd was lively and those who did attend appeared to enjoy themselves.

Foreign Exchange kept the audience on its feet the entire night with a good mixture of top 40 cover tunes.

Foreign Exchange has been together for a year-and-a-half, with the exception of the group's bass player, who joined the group 10 months ago. Lead guitarist Greg Nickson said in a telephone interview that 30-40 per cent of the band's jobs are at pubs.

Currently, the group is working on its first album of 15 songs. "It's a slow process, and

being on the road gives no time for practice," Nickson said. "Right now we're making a living off cover tunes. Most bars only allow you to do two original tunes a night until the audience gets to know and like you."

It was obvious the Doon audience appreciated Foreign Exchange. However, Nickson said, "We had a lot of technical problems in the first set. It didn't go as smoothly as we wanted, but there was great audience participation."

The group's name, Foreign Exchange, was chosen because of the four nationalities represented in the band. Nickson is German, Grant Cummings is Ukrainian, Mike Shotten is English and George Manz is Canadian.



Doon's last pub featured the band Foreign Exchange.

Photo by Terry De Souza.

Safety in shop is insurance in accident prevention



Ron Newman demonstrates the use of a table saw.

By Cheryl Mooder

The high-pitched whine of wood being cut vibrated through the woodworking shop. Clad in overalls, with sleeves rolled to the elbows and safety glasses covering his eyes, a short-haired student fed a sheet of wood into the saw, making sure he kept his hands six inches from the whirling blade.

Glancing at the clock, he noted the class was almost over and it was time to help clean up.

In a potentially dangerous environment, such as a woodworking shop, the practice of good safety habits is an insurance policy in accident prevention.

In the first-year basic industrial woodworker apprentice-

ship course, students learn about safety and first aid. "All we can do is teach them the theory aspect and cause people to think a little on their own," Newman said.

Safety is also taught when students are shown how to operate a machine. "Safe work practices are an on-going thing," Newman said. "My attitude is to demonstrate the positive aspect rather than saying don't do this and don't do that."

Not only are students taught how to recognize and prevent hazards, the woodworking shop itself is safety-proofed.

All machines have guards or removable covers. "The guard of the (flying panel saw) is so simple," Newman said. "It's just a piece of wood to keep the

hand from coming into contact with the blade."

The students keep a minimum six-inch hand clearance from the moving machine parts.

Fire extinguishers and fire alarms, which can be pulled in case of fire, are located at the shop's exits. Emergency numbers are posted by the phone in the office.

In the finishing area there is a sprinkler system, which is activated by heat. During a fire, water pours from the roof and douses the flames.

The shop is equipped with emergency exits.

Smoking is not allowed in the shop.

All possible explosives are kept in an outdoor room, which has no direct contact with the

woodworking shop, Newman said. The room has an explosive-proof roof and lights, a fan which exhausts fumes and a vent which allows fresh air in.

Good housekeeping is another aspect of safety. The floors around the machines are kept clear, and wooden materials are stacked in neat piles.

At the end of each shift, members of the group clean up after themselves, Newman said.

The woodworking shop has a dress code all its own. Overalls or snug fitting clothes are best because baggy ones can get caught in the machine's moving parts. "Cuffs are buttoned or rolled up and shirt tails are in," Newman said.

Eye protection is worn to operate the machines and goggles or full-face protection are worn when grinding metal.

With certain machines, there

is a danger of long hair getting caught, but with today's short hair styles, this doesn't pose as much of a problem as it once did.

Newman started teaching during the hippy years when long hair was common. "It was necessary for hair to be tied back so it didn't come in contact with moving parts," he said.

In the past school year, there have been two accidents in the woodworking shop, Newman said. One student lacerated his finger in a machine and a second cut his thumb.

"Basically, safety is a common sense sort of thing," Newman said. "We know how to work safely and it's up to us whether we do it or not."

With a last swish of a broom, the student swept a pile of wooden shavings into a dustpan, ending another accident-free shift.

Potholes scar parking-lot

By Beth Nichols

Potholes larger than port-holes and a mini-lake cover the back parking lot beside the E.P. Detweiler Centre at Conestoga's Doon Campus.

However, efforts are underway to have the lot paved, said Mac Rostance, head of the college's physical resources department.

"The Doon Campus has requested it (the lot) be paved, hopefully prior to convocation (June 13)," he said.

Rostance said the lot is usually graded every morning, but with the return of winter weather, grading has been impossible to do.

"We have had truck loads of

gravel since last fall but when the weather becomes sloppy the gravel disappears quickly. When the ground is frozen or dry it's okay, but at this time of year it is difficult to control," he said.

Rostance said the lot would have been paved last year if finances had been available. However, a request has been sent to administration and it is likely this year paving will be done. No cost estimates were available.

Rostance said he has received several complaints from students about the lot's condition. He remains "hopeful" the matter will be resolved within the coming months.

Calculations show honorariums of DSA executive

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would make, but would not release it.

Although the DSA didn't tell Van Loon not to disclose the figures, she said, she agrees with not releasing them because the association doesn't want people to run for elected offices solely for monetary gain.

"I don't know of an exact figure," she said.

Karaag agreed with Van Loon in accepting the DSA's position of not releasing the amount of the honorariums.

"One of the things I think they worry about is getting people who run for office just for the money. Unfortunately, I can see people doing that. It really isn't a great deal of money," added Karaag.

Jack Williams, director of finance for Conestoga College,

said the college collects DSA activity fees along with tuition fees, but does not keep a breakdown which shows elected council members' salaries and honorariums.

He said that the "most interesting part is not what people earn as far as salaries and honorariums, it's the amount of work involved and what you (the student body) get for your dollar."

Williams said the DSA budget is simply sent to the college for its approval.

"We've worked on that basis since 1968. We trust the students and they have been able to operate the student association in a reliable manner. We've never had to interfere, for they have performed extremely well. I give them credit for being responsible

adults."

Money to pay DSA salaries and to fund a variety of programs for students — from sports and pubs to 24 issues of

Spoke during the regular school year — come from mandatory activity fees collected from students when they pay their tuition. Next year the fees will increase to \$59.25 from \$56.50.

SPORTS

Mother sees son play in Superdome game

By Salvatore Scarpelli

A few weeks ago Sharon Kipfer took a few days off from her job in the registrar's office at Conestoga's Doon Campus and joined thousands of American college basketball fans in the New Orleans Superdome.

With many enthusiastic hoop fans, she and her husband, Roth, made the trip south to see the final four colleges play for a spot in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championships for two reasons: to cheer for their son and cheer for Providence.

The youngest of Kipfer's two sons, Dave, 23, is a senior guard for the Providence Friars and will be graduating this year from business administration and social sciences.

For the Kipfer family, it was a thrilling experience they will never forget, she said. "We are very proud of Dave. He has come a long way since his earlier years playing basketball at Cameron Heights Collegiate here in Kitchener. In addition, he is respected by his colleagues and peers."

Kipfer said Dave has done well both athletically and academically at Providence, averaging 11 points a game playing basketball and, more important, passing all his

courses.

While in New Orleans, Kipfer and her husband were approached by those who knew Dave and gave them nothing but compliments on how well liked their son is at Providence, she said.

"Being the only Canadian on the team is part of Dave's popularity at Providence," she said. Dave doesn't mind being ribbed about coming from Canada and the Americans seem to enjoy the company of their neighbors.

Kipfer and her husband were unable to see or talk to Dave before the semi-final game against the University of Syracuse, although they knew very well the excitement and nervousness their son was going through.

"There have been many times throughout Dave's basketball career that we shared the butterflies. Winning the all-Ontario high school basketball championship in 1979 with Cameron Heights was one of the many times we felt the same nervousness with Dave before the big game."

When asked where Dave inherited his athletic ability, Kipfer replied that it wasn't from her and added, aside from Dave's own commitment to sports, his father Roth, who

has coached hockey and baseball, had been influential. "I was just the moral support," she said.

In addition, Kipfer said Dave was also spurred on and encouraged by former Cameron Heights basketball coach, the late Cort Hindbuck, who played a key role in his basketball career. Kipfer added that friend and former Conestoga College student, now Olympic boxer, Lennox Lewis, played on that same championship team.

Although Providence lost to Syracuse, Kipfer said she feels Dave, who has been there on scholarship, was not disappointed. "It would have been nice to see Dave and Providence win the NCAA championship but those who know about the sport realize that reaching the final four is an honour itself."

Kipfer said she was pleased with her son's performance during the game and added, after the game it was impossible to speak to their son because thousands of crazed fans swarmed onto the court at the Superdome to celebrate. They did, however, manage to spend some time with Dave before returning to Kitchener and said Dave was happy to see them there to share part of his



Sharon Kipfer displays her own basketball form

Photo by Salvatore Scarpelli/Spoke

dream.

Kipfer, a switchboard operator at the college for seven years who recently took on a new job as OSAP clerk, said she appreciated the many well-

wishes and cards received from co-workers. In return, Kipfer brought back a few souvenirs from New Orleans, including an autographed picture of Dave.

Turnout for badminton disappoints varsity coach

By Salvatore Scarpelli

Conestoga College, blessed with large quantities of students and a huge athletic complex with courts, considers

badminton as one of its finest sports achievements.

At least, it was up until this year, said badminton coach Wanda Bach.

No more than eight players

from the Conestoga's satellite campuses showed up for January tryouts, Bach said. "This year's turnout was terrible with only a handful of players interested in playing. There

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didn't have one female who wanted to play this year. As a result it eliminated the possibilities of putting in a women's single, double or mixed team."

Rescheduling times of practices and events weren't enough to encourage those who did show interest at first, Bach said. "I often asked myself what is it going to take to get players out next year?" The college athletic organizers did everything but stand on their heads trying to endorse and accommodate badminton practices, she added.

Bach has had years of playing and coaching experience at the University of Toronto and Niagara College as well having a Level 2 coaching certificate in badminton. She said she doesn't feel her talents were wasted at the college and hopes to return next year despite the response the sport received this year.

Crossing her fingers, Bach said she hopes next year more players will turn out to play and added, because of this year's showing, she was not able to evaluate what type of season or future the badminton program would have at Conestoga.

In the past, the college badminton team has turned out winners. Bach said she feels there are students at the college who can carry on the tradition.

"I am more interested in a player's dedication than in his or her ability. From that we can build a strong badminton program," she said.

Intramural team of the week



Intramural team of the week for March 30 to April 3, was the Pelvic Weapons, men's volleyball. Team members are, from left: Tibor Vezenyi, Dan Miller, Doug Moore, Mike Krabi and Wade Dorland. Absent from photo are: Helio Maciel, Giulio Mior and Steve Lockner.